

# Minutes from the January 21, 2020 HIGHWAY Commission Meeting

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January 21, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Esmeralda County Courthouse

Commission Chambers

233 Crook Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Goldfield, Nevada

## 1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

Ralph Keyes - Chairman  
Timothy Hipp - Vice-Chairman  
Delon "De" Winsor - Commissioner  
Robert Glennen - District Attorney  
LaCinda Elgan - Clerk of the Board

## 2. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** (Discussion only. Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item. It must be placed on an agenda, at a later meeting for action.)

Deven Thackeray came up and wanted to state that Randy Johnston called him about his road. He said the damage to his road from the Best in the Desert race is really bad. Deven said Mr. Johnston asked him to ask Best in the Desert to re-route the race by his place. Mr. Thackeray said in his case it is warranted. He has no water up there; he has to tow a water cart up and over to Gold Point. He is going to put this on a future agenda. Commissioner Winsor stated that Best in the Desert is supposed to repair the roads and maybe they should be putting in more money for this. Mr. Thackeray said there is no amount of repair we can do out there besides hauling material in. It takes time.

Commissioner Keyes said they are planning new routes.

## 3. **\*APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:**

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve the expenditures for the Highway commission in the amount of \$12,936.31. Commissioner Winsor seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

## 4. **\*DISCUSSION/DECISION/APPROVAL: REJECTED VENDOR BILLS FROM AUDITOR'S OFFICE.**

None.

## 5. **\*APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE 09/03, 09/17, 10/01, 12/03 12/17/19, and 01/07/2020 meetings of the Esmeralda County Board of Highway Commission.**

Deven Thackeray came up and stated that, on the 09/17 meeting, on item #7, page 1 of the minutes, it says that he said we will get 28,000 yards of material and he said that is not what he said, he said he said approximately 10,000, which is just about what we ended up with. LaCinda said the way we handle these issues is that we will go back and listen to the minutes and, if he actually said 28,000, we

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will leave it that way, but if he said 10,000, we will change it. Mr. Thackeray agreed. Michelle listened to the minutes from 09/17/19 and Mr. Thackeray actually said “28,000 to 35,000 on the high side”.

Brad Maxwell came up and said it is his understanding that the minutes are supposed to be approved by the commissioners within 30 days. He said it sounds like they are just getting September. Commissioner Hipp said he is going to look into that as well. Commissioner Keyes said we should just get to the bottom of it right now. LaCinda said that Liquor Board meetings would not get approved until they met again. Commissioner Hipp said he thought he read that regular meetings, like we have every two weeks, that those meeting notes should be approved within 30 days of the meeting. LaCinda said if that is a fact, she stands corrected. She said however, these minutes have been available to the public since September.

Commissioner Winsor made the motion to approve the minutes from the 09/03, 09/17, 10/01, 12/03 12/17/19, and 01/07/2020 meetings of the Esmeralda County Board of Highway Commission. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

6. **\*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss/Decide and Approve (if needed) Deven Thackeray’s 6-month review after being hired as the Road Department Supervisor. (Commissioners)

Commissioner Hipp said Deven has been great about keeping him in the loop about what is happening. He has no complaints.

Commissioner Winsor agreed and said he is great at finding equipment. He knows it is hard to keep up when short-handed.

Commissioner Keyes said he knows Deven has been working some weekends trying to catch up with Solid Waste issues. He said Deven is very good at communicating. As far as he can tell, he is caught up with the billing issues.

Commissioner Keyes said we’ll come back after the next 6 months and see what we can do for Deven.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to approve Deven’s performance in his job duties as Road Department Supervisor and continue his employment. Commissioner Winsor seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

7. **\*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss/Decide and Approve that Deven Thackeray, Road and Solid Waste Supervisor, has the authority to sign for items necessary related to his position effective June 2, 2019 (Mr. Thackeray can provide more detailed list, if necessary). (Deven Thackeray)

Deven came up and stated this is about recording of roads and the authority to do so. He stated that he has already signed documents and needs to make sure that the motion is retroactive.  
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Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve that Deven Thackeray, Road and Solid Waste Supervisor, has the authority to sign for items necessary related to his position effective July 2, 2019. Commissioner Winsor seconded the motion.

8. **\*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approve the Road Supervisor to sign documents for Bureau of Land Management including Title 5 Right of Ways and retroactive to July 2, 2019. (Deven Thackeray)

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve the Road Supervisor Deven Thackeray to sign documents for Bureau of Land Management including Title 5 Right of Ways and retroactive to July 2, 2019. Commissioner Winsor seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

9. **\*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Please review and approve the attached equipment rates that the Road Department will be using for billing for maintenance agreements and invoicing for services and will exclude Esmeralda County School District. (Deven Thackeray)

Deven stated that they all talked a while back about equipment rates and about the school district. He said he put in there that he wanted to get them exempted. Commissioner Hipp stated that he is concerned with how much the rates went up. Because Deven didn't show the previous rates, Commissioner Hipp asked if these rates were 10-20 percent higher than the previous rates. Deven said, yes, at the max.

All rates are with an operator, per Deven. Commissioner Hipp asked if someone could borrow this equipment. Deven confirmed that they cannot.

Back Hoe: \$65.00/hr. (580 C)

Dump Truck: \$65.00/hr. (10-wheel International with spread gates)

Steel Drum Roller: \$65.00/hr. (Vibrating Roller)

Water Truck: \$65.00/hr. plus the cost of water. (4,000 gal. water truck, Pto driven)

Mechanic truck with welder \$65.00/hr.

Pickup \$1.00/mile

Loader: \$80.00/hr. (544 JD-644 JD-938 CAT)

Motor grader: \$110.00/hr. (772D 6-wheel drive 2006 JD)

Excavator: \$110.00/hr.

Haul truck: \$110.00/hr. (3-axle with 20 yd. belly dump)

NOTE: Equipment rates are from shop to shop.

Deven stated the reason rates are being set now is because of just what the commissioners talked about: the upcoming projects. Best in the Desert is one of them. He said the old rate on the grader was \$65.00/hr. Commissioner Keyes said we were giving it away before. LaCinda said this is something we could use if we have to go to a grant and for time and labor, for an in-kind match. We may have to raise it to be more realistic. Deven said the reason he didn't raise the lower rate was

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because of the school district and they are not looking to make a profit on the school district or anybody.

Commissioner Keyes wanted to put on the record that we are not going to charge the School District for minor repairs like a water leak or something like that. We are going to help them out. But, if they are doing a construction project, where they are going to need to hire a contractor to do it, we are not going to lend them a back hoe and an operator for a week or two. That is not our job. We would help them out as a common courtesy to help our kids.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve the attached equipment rates that the Road Department will be using for billing for maintenance agreements and invoicing for services and that for minor issues, the Esmeralda County School District will be exempt; but for any major projects, they will not be exempt. He will leave it at the Road Supervisor's discretion to make that call. Commissioner Winsor seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** (Discussion only. Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item. It must be placed on an agenda, at a later meeting for action.)

None.

### 11. **\*ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Winsor seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.